

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Applicants thank Examiner Nutter for the indication in the Office Action of May 20, 2003 that the subject matter of Claims 1-18 is allowed.

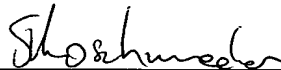
Claims 12 and 19 have been canceled. The amendment to the claims obviates the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 101.

A Information Disclosure Statement was submitted to the Office on June 23, 2003. The IDS provided three U.S. patents on a form PTO-1449 and a list of related cases. Applicants respectfully request the Examiner return a signed, dated and initialed copy of the PTO-1449 with the next communication from the Office.

Applicants submit the amendment to the claims places all now-pending claims in condition for allowance. Applicants respectfully request the withdrawal of the rejections and the passage of all now-pending claims to Issue.

Respectfully submitted,

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